

### SIGMA QUALITY CONTROL TES1

# **ProductInformation**

# Enzymatic Assay of GLUTAMIC-PYRUVIC TRANSAMINASE (EC 2.6.1.2)

#### PRINCIPLE:

L-Alanine + α-Ketoglutaric Acid GPT > Pyruvate + L-Glutamate

Pyruvate + β-NADH Lactic Acid Dehydrogenase > Lactate + β-NAD

Abbreviations used:

GPT = Glutamic-Pyruvic Transaminase

 $\beta$ -NADH =  $\beta$ -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide, Reduced Form

 $\beta$ -NAD =  $\beta$ -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide

**CONDITIONS:**  $T = 37^{\circ}C$ , pH = 7.4,  $A_{340nm}$ , Light path = 1 cm

**METHOD:** Continuous Spectrophotometric Rate Determination

#### **REAGENTS:**

- A. 100 mM Tris Buffer, pH 7.4 at 37°C.
   (Prepare 100 ml in deionized water using Trizma Base, Prod. No. T-1503. Adjust to pH 7.4 at 37°C with 1 M HCl.)
- B. 100 mM α-Ketoglutaric Acid Solution (α-KGA) (Prepare 10 ml in Reagent A using α-Ketoglutaric Acid, Monosodium Salt, Prod. No. K-1875.)
- C. 1 mM L-Alanine Solution (Prepare 10 ml in Reagent A using L-Alanine, Prod. No. A-7627.)
- D. 6.4 mM  $\beta$ -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide, Reduced Form Solution ( $\beta$ -NADH) (Dissolve the contents of one 10 mg vial of  $\beta$ -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide, Reduced Form, Disodium Salt, Preweighed Vial, Stock No. 340-110, in the appropriate volume of Reagent A.)

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### **REAGENTS:** (continued)

- E. Lactic Dehydrogenase Enzyme Solution (LDH) (Immediately before use, prepare a solution containing 400 - 600 units/ml in cold deionized water using Lactic Dehydrogenase, Prod. No. L-2500.)
- F. Glutamic-Pyruvic Transaminase Enzyme Solution (Immediately before use, prepare a solution containing 0.3 0.6 units/ml of Glutamic-Pyruvic Transaminase in cold deionized water.)

#### PROCEDURE:

Prepare a reaction cocktail by pipetting (in milliliters) the following reagents into a suitable container:

Reagent A (Buffer)	18.5
Reagent B (α-KGA)	3.0
Reagent C (L-Alanine)	6.0
Reagent D (β-NADH)	0.5
Reagent E (LDH)	1.0

Mix and adjust to pH 7.4 at 37°C with 1 M NaOH or 1 M HCl, if necessary.

Pipette (in milliliters) the following reagents into suitable cuvettes:

	<u>Test</u>	<u>Blank</u>
Reaction Cocktail	2.90	2.90
Equilibrate to 37°C. Monitor the $A_{340nm}$ until constant, using a suitably thermostatted spectrophotometer. Then add:		
Deionized Water Reagent F (Enzyme Solution)	0.10	0.10 

Immediately mix by inversion and record the decrease in  $A_{340nm}$  for approximately 5 minutes. Obtain the  $\Delta A_{340nm}$ /minute using the maximum linear rate for both the Test and Blank.

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### **CALCULATIONS:**

Units/mg enzyme = 
$$\frac{(\Delta A_{340nm}/min \text{ Test - } \Delta A_{340nm}/min \text{ Blank})(3)(df)}{(6.22)(0.1)}$$

$$3 = \text{Total volume (in milliliters) of assay } df = \text{Dilution factor} \\ 6.22 = \text{Millimolar extinction coefficient of NADH at 340nm}$$

$$Units/mg \text{ solid} = \frac{units/ml \text{ enzyme}}{mg \text{ solid/ml enzyme}}$$

$$Units/mg \text{ protein} = \frac{units/ml \text{ enzyme}}{mg \text{ protein/ml enzyme}}$$

#### **UNIT DEFINITION:**

One unit will convert 1.0  $\mu$ Mole of  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate to L-glutamate per minute at pH 7.4 at 37°C, in the presence of L-alanine.

## **FINAL ASSAY CONCENTRATION:**

In a 3.00 ml reaction mix, the final concentrations are 93 mM Tris, 10 mM  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate, 200 mM L-alanine, 0.11 mM  $\beta$ -NADH, 13 - 20 units lactic dehydrogenase and 0.03 - 0.06 units glutamic pyruvic transaminase.

#### NOTES:

- 1. Lactic Dehydrogenase Unit Definition: One unit will reduce 1.0 µmole of pyruvate to L-lactate per minute at pH 7.5 at 37°C.
- Where Sigma Product or Stock numbers are specified, equivalent reagents may be substituted.

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